

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Statement of Proceedings for May 12, 1999

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE REGULAR BUDGET HEARINGS MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HELD IN ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

9:30 A.M.

Present: Supervisors Gloria Molina, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Zev Yaroslavsky, Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, Chairman

Absent: None

1.0 BUDGET HEARINGS

2-B

The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests

and statements relating to the proposed 1999-2000 County Budget as follows:

1. Statement of Gil Garcetti, District Attorney, requesting additional resources for various Departmental priorities including the juvenile justice units, elder abuse

staffing,

dedicated family violence units and 15 additional prosecutors to handle Hard Core Gang cases and 10 additional prosecutors specializing in domestic violence prosecutions for each branch court.

2. Statement of Lee Baca, Sheriff, regarding his Department's unmet needs which include additional budgeted positions

and

funding for various Sheriff Department programs and

capital

projects. Sharon Bunn, Director, Administrative Services Division, was present and responded to questions by the Board members.

3. Statement of Annelle Grajeda, General Manager of SEIU, Local 660 and Carolina Briones, regarding the poor

physical

state of health clinics and Department of Public Social Services offices; also regarding the cap being proposed by the County on the number of transfers of poor and

uninsured

patients County hospitals would accept from private hospitals; and in support of a Living Wage Ordinance.

4. Statement of Louise Rishoff, Chair of the Library Commission, requesting additional funding in amount of

\$7.2

million for the following: \$5 million for books and materials, \$1,366,000 to restore service hours at 10 regional service locations, \$280,000 to restore Sunday service hours at 8 of the larger libraries, and \$540,000

to

finance a share of the salary and benefit adjustments for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

5. Statement of Jim Slatic, representing the Grand Jury, requesting additional funding to complete critical tasks and for professional and special services contract audits and training to fulfill mandated government oversight.

6.Statement of James Johnson, SEIU, Local 535, regarding needed critical resources to serve In Home Support

Services

elderly and disabled clients; also a significant need for the Department of Public Social Services to provide adequate working space for additional social workers.

7.Statement of Anthony Abbate, Vice President, Health Care Association of Southern California, requesting the Board

to

reject the cap proposed in the 1999-2000 Proposed Budget

on

the number of poor and uninsured patients County hospitals would accept from private hospitals.

8.Statement of Dr. Fred Dennis, Vice Chair, Emergency

Medical

Services Commission and on staff at Cedars Sinai Hospital, regarding cap proposed on the number of poor and uninsured patients County hospitals would accept from private hospitals.

9.Letter submitted by Wade Piston for the Los Angeles County Medical Association dated April 28, 1999 and addressed to Mark Finucane, Director of Health Services, regarding the Association's position on the County's proposal to further reduce the acceptance of transfers of medically indigent patients from private hospitals to County hospitals.

Absent: None

3-B

The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements relating to the proposed 1999-2000 County Budget as follows:

a.Received and filed and took under advisement various supplemental budget requests and comments made during the public budget hearings which commenced on May 12, 1999;

b.Made a finding that a notice of public budget hearings was given in accordance with Section 29080 of the Government Code, that said hearings commenced on the 12th day of May 1999 pursuant to said notice, and as required by Section 29081 of the Government Code;

c.Closed the public budget hearings for purposes of oral testimony, finding that there are no persons who have not been given the opportunity to be heard; but to allow maximum public input, permit additional written testimony and requests to be filed through the close of business, Friday, May 21, 1999; and

d.Reconfirmed that Budget Deliberations will begin on Monday,
June 21, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

2.0 MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion of topics on the posted agenda and administrative requests by individual Supervisors for reports from Department Heads on various matters was as follows:

--During the District Attorney's presentation on his Department's unmet needs in the proposed 1999-2000 Budget, Supervisor Molina requested the District Attorney to

report

back to the Board on the following:

1. How many hardcore gang cases were prosecuted during the past year?
2. What are the plans for utilizing the 15 additional Deputy District Attorneys being requested for the Hardcore Gang Division?
- 3.What outcome differences are projected with the addition of 15 Deputy District Attorney positions in comparison with last year's prosecution numbers?

--During the District Attorney's presentation on his Department's unmet needs in the proposed 1999-2000 Budget, Supervisor Antonovich requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board during Budget Deliberations on the impact to the County of penalties being imposed relative to a Statewide child support

system.

In addition, Supervisor Antonovich requested the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the report a time

line

for the penalty payments.

--During the Sheriff's presentation on his Department's

unmet

needs in the proposed 1999-2000 Budget, Supervisor Yaroslavsky requested the Director of Personnel to review the 24 percent increase in workers' compensation costs to the Sheriff's Department to determine the possible reasons for the increase.

--During the Sheriff's presentation on his Department's

unmet

needs in the proposed 1999-2000 Budget, Supervisor Burke requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board with the actual number of patrol deputies that will be available to respond to the public in unincorporated areas of the County.

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The Budget Hearings meeting adjourned (Following Board Order No. 3-B). Next regular meeting of Board: Tuesday morning, May 18, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the Budget Hearings meeting held Wednesday, May 12, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

JOANNE STURGES

Executive Officer-Clerk

of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

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